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## State Senator Rice speaks out on Lynch-Dalton bill to amend QEA

State Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-Essex) today leveled strong criticism of Newark Schools Executive Superintendent, Eugene Campbell, Board of Education member Charles Bell and other members of Essex County's educational and political leadership for giving parents of students and the taxpayers "only partial information in some instances, and total misinformation in others as it relates to the court decision involving the Quality Education

Act (QEA). The following is a statement from Senator Rice:

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruling in *Abbott vs. Burke* requires the state to provide sufficient funds for a thorough and efficient education for students residing in poor urban school districts. When Governor Florio took office, he promised taxpayers, and particularly those in urban areas where taxes are so high that working class homeowners and tenants, no longer able to afford them, face the possibility of losing their homes and apartments. And, in districts where Boards of Education were being deprived of equity and parity in money for education of their students, the Governor promised more money to educate and provide for school needs.

Unfortunately, the Florio QEA plan that we in the legislature supported, one that was intended to provide property tax relief and more money to our special need educational districts, did

not accomplish the property tax relief aspect, and we knew it.

We passed the bill knowing that some foundation had to be laid legislatively to start the process of addressing the disparities in property taxation and education. Some of us felt that we would never deal with the discriminatory aspects of taxation and education until some legislation was passed.

The Lynch - Dalton bill, unlike the initial Florio QEA bill, not only set the stage to provide more money than in previous years for the special needs school districts, and to provide property tax relief; it forced the Assembly, the Governor and the special interest groups to address the issues of unfairness in the educational formula and the tax burden in our poor districts.

It is unfortunate that educational and political leaders in Essex County talk only about those aspects of the NJ Supreme Court decision relating to quality education. (Continued on page 6)

## Genius of Al Henderson on display at Newark Library



Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant (left) presents City Council resolution to Honor Al Henderson at Newark Public Library ceremony and exhibit by Lloyd Person

by Connie Woodruff

NEWARK—The late Al Henderson became known as one of New Jersey's stellar photographers, chronicling decades of social, political, fraternal and religious activities of blacks. The subjects of his lensmanship are featured at the main branch of the Newark Public Library as a celebration of Black History Month 1991.

In his first career as a bass fiddle player with scores of local and international dance bands and later as leader of the Al Henderson

Orchestra, Henderson "dabbled in photography" as a hobby.

When it became obvious he had a special skill as a photographer, he quit show business to turn his hobby into a profession and the rest is history.

His work, currently displayed in the Library's third floor art gallery, speaks eloquently of his dexterity behind the lens, his patience in making every photo session a masterpiece and explains why the world beat a path to his studio at Clinton Avenue and Clinton Place for photographs with the Henderson touch.

The exhibit, coordinated by Dr. George Hawley and a volunteer team of Newarkers, was (Continued on page 2)

## Muhlenberg serving as support system during the Persian Gulf War

PLAINFIELD — Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center is prepared to provide health services, supplement the blood supply and provide emotional support during the Persian Gulf War.

"We are taking a leadership role by holding a blood drive for our employees, volunteers and auxiliaries; holding daily prayer services and offering emotional support to those employees, physicians, volunteers and auxiliaries who may be feeling stress as a result of the war," said John R. Kopicki, president and chief executive officer.

Kopicki said the war has touched the medical center. An orthopedic surgeon, a member of the School of Nursing faculty and a Muhlenberg Security Officer have been assigned to duty in Saudi Arabia. Wendell O. Scott,

M.D., on staff at Muhlenberg since 1986, now is practicing in a field hospital in Saudi Arabia. Up until December, Dr. Scott, a Westfield resident, practiced his specialty orthopedic surgery, with Marvin Winell, M.D., also on Muhlenberg's medical staff. Dr. Scott, who was born at the United States Military Academy at West Point, is a member of the Army Reserves.

Linda Nietnam, R.N., is expected to become an assistant director of a 300-bed hospital in Saudi Arabia, Kopicki said. Ms. Nietnam of Plainfield has been on the Muhlenberg School of Nursing staff for 10 years. She has been the lead teacher of the Accelerated Track, a program for persons with a bachelor's or master's degree in another discipline (Continued on page 6)



Newark Mayor Sharpe James hangs the first of 350 American flags to be placed on street poles along Broad Street, from Lincoln park to route 280. The hand-sewn flags, purchased by the City of Newark, symbolize the city's support for the brave men and women serving their country in Operation Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia. Yellow ribbons will also be hung on three light poles outside City Hall.

## Empowerment of Black Press topic of NNPA Conference

NASSAU, BAHAMAS (NNPA) — Opening doors of opportunity was the thrust of the National Newspaper Publishers Association during its 1991 Mid-Winter Conference held January 16-20 at the Crystal Palace Resort in Nassau.

The 50-year-old association chose as its theme: "Empowering Our Newspapers and Our Organization."

In his opening speech to the conference, NNPA President Thomas H. Watkins set the tone by addressing the empowerment theme.

As NNPA sought ways to enhance black newspapers' status as a leading voice in Black America, one of the biggest news stories in modern history unfolded: war in the Persian Gulf.

Joining publishers at the conference were staff members, corporate representatives, workshop leaders and panelists, and an impressive list of guest speakers.

Among those who made an appearance was Sir Lynden Pindling, the Bahamas prime minister and minister of tourism. Pindling, who has been head of the government since 1967, welcomed NNPA members to the islands. He also commented on world events, saying he disagreed with those who interpreted the Middle East crisis as "blood for oil" or "oil for blood."

"Blood could never equal oil," he said. "That is not what it's about. It is the fight for a way of life in a free and democratic society."

Pindling said that a small commonwealth such as the Bahamas (Continued on page 3)

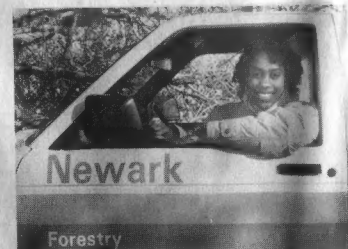
## Michelle Jones minds Newark's trees

by Andrea J. Oates

The next time you have a complaint or concern about a Newark city tree, don't expect a man in timberland boots to make the house call. If you do, you will be surprised by who appears at your door: a pleasant, eager and efficient forester, Michelle Jones.

Michelle Jones became the City of Newark's forester in October 1990 and works for the Newark Department of Engineering, Jones, 26, is the first African-American woman forester for the city. Her job involves overseeing the maintenance of all city trees (trimming, planting, root pruning and removals), monitoring and evaluating trees, handling complaints, supervising contractors, selecting trees and sites, and at times working with PSE&G (Public Service Electric and Gas), especially during storm emergencies. Jones does it all. "I'm out to prove myself," Jones said eagerly.

She's also involved in budget aspects and decides on the dollar amount to be allocated for a contractor to do the work, lists jobs for bid, chooses the contractor and ensures that the work is done properly and timely.



Michelle Jones, Newark Forester

Jones, thrilled about working in Newark, said, "I love it. It's totally different to see so many professional minorities working in Newark."

Newark Mayor Sharpe James said, "When we (the city) were looking for a forester, we were not looking specifically for a man or woman nor a minority. We were looking for the most qualified person, and Ms. Jones came

highly recommended, with superb skills. We are pleased with our choice and feel that she will be an asset to the city."

Alvin Zach, director of the Department of Engineering, is extremely pleased with Jones: "Michelle comes with a good educational background, which of course interested us (Engineering Department). Her background strongly aligns with our City (Continued on page 10)

## Black United Fund of New Jersey celebrates today's heroes for Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ) will select 5 unsung heroes of the Black community to be awarded a \$1000 cash award to continue their valuable self-help activities.

The Black Heroes Award recipients will be selected from nominations submitted by the public. The Board of Trustees of BUF/NJ will review the nominations, select the winners and award \$1000 to a non-profit organization in their honor.

BUF/NJ's Third Annual Black History Month Appeal has distributed 8,000 calendars to over 180 schools throughout New Jersey depicting 20 Black Heroes from the past and present. These calendars are part of a larger educational program to provide students with positive role models and presenting information on Black Heroes who have helped to

shape the long history of Black philanthropic self-help efforts.

"It is important for today's youth to understand their responsibility to continue the long tradition of self-help that has contributed so much to the Black community and our nation as a whole, BHMA Chairman Mr. Robert Pickett, continues.

It is important to emphasize that Black History Month shouldn't focus solely on the past, History is a continuing story. This year's BHMA and the presentation of these five awards will help to ensure our future as we celebrate our past."

In selecting the five recipients of the Black Heroes Awards the judges will attempt to recognize unsung heroes whose contributions to the community would not otherwise be recognized. To nominate someone in your community send

your testimonial information including: a detailed statement of why the nominee should be selected, a description on the contribution he or she makes to the future growth of the Black community and why he or she is a hero. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 22, 1991.

Nominations Should Be Sent To:

Black Heroes Awards  
c/o Black United Fund of New Jersey  
Robert Treat Center  
Fifty Park Place, Suite 1419  
Newark, NJ 07102

The \$1000 award will be made only to a NJ non-profit organization having IRS tax-exempt status in honor of the recipient. The Black Heroes Award will be presented at the culmination of BUF/NJ's Black History Month celebration.

## CITY PEOPLE

## People on the move...

E. James Ferland, Chairman, PS&G will be honored by the Better Business Bureau with its Ethics in Business Award on March 26. Julia Williams, Newark, was installed as the city's Honorary Senior Citizen Council President. Carmen Perez, formerly of Newark, has been promoted to AIDS Project Coordinator for Planned Parenthood Essex County. Max Hernandez, South Plainfield, was appointed System Sales Engineer by Panasonic Broadcast Systems Company. John H. Schafer, Executive Director of the New York State Thruway Authority is the new Executive Committee Chairman of TRANSCOM. Valcoean Little, Rahway, was promoted to the rank of Major in the New Jersey State Police. Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce announces its new officers as follows: **Charles Whalen III**, Plainfield, Chairman of the Board; **Alex Cantt**, Lakewood, Vice Chairman and Treasurer; **Mark Burke**, Middletown, Vice President for Projects and Events; **Deborah Ginger**, Warren, Vice President for Legislative and Government Affairs; **Jack Erchard**, Basking Ridge, Vice President for Strategic Planning; **Vivian Switzer**, South Plainfield; Vice President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Stevens Institute announces the following new members of its Board of Trustees: **Dr. David L. Carney**, VP AT&T; **Dr. K. Terry Koonce**, President and CEO Exxon Research; **Arthur J. Shadok**, Entrepreneur; **Laura A. Dorival**, Account Exec, Graphic Chart and Map; **L. Douglas O'Brien**, President and CEO National Westminster Bank NJ.

## Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



## Why do they hate me?

Part 2

Last week, I began to answer a letter that I received from Mr. H. of Connecticut who wanted me to answer the question "Why do white people treat me with such disrespect when I have not done anything to hurt them?" I told him that white people generally perceive of black men as being more masculine than white men. Their race treatment of black men is their way of protecting and defending the perceived inferior masculinity of the white man.

It is not uncommon to find a white woman who professes to despise black men. Yet, she will secretly have sex with him socially.

Competition is a foundation of American society. But, the major competition is the physical competition of men against each other. Grade school gym classes, recreation playgrounds and sandlot sports groom men to compete. The winner can accept the accolade of superiority.

The terms of competition are usually divided by race. Black against white. White against black. Blacks root for blacks and whites root for whites. It is so down the other way around. Whether in football, boxing, basketball or baseball, it is black Bo Jackson against a white tackle. Or, black Mike Tyson against a current white hope. It is the mostly black Detroit Pistons against the mostly white Boston Celtics.

You don't believe it? Who did you root for when the Los Angeles Lakers played the Boston Celtics several years ago in the NBA finals? Why did you root for that particular team or person? Racial competition is as American as apple pie.

## 'Gospel Feast' fund raiser

NEWARK—The North Jersey Chapter (NJC) of the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) presents a "Gospel Feast" at Point Baptist Church, 60 Paine Avenue in Irvington.

Beginning at 11 a.m., the Adult Division will offer a "feast" of delicious dinners, including chicken, fish, ribs, vegetables, salads, breads, beverages and desserts, all for a \$5 or \$6 donation.

The Youth Division's Choir will present a concert at 7:30 p.m., along with special guests Craig Hayes and the United

Voices of Trenton.

Founded in 1968 by Rev. James Cleveland, the GMWA is a national, non-denominational, organization comprised of singers, songwriters, musicians, recording artists, ministers, church officers and more. The Adult Division of the NJC meets Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. and the Youth Division (ages 7 - 23) meets at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the First Zion Hill Baptist Church, 1-15 Leslie Street, Newark. The NJC is currently recruiting new members. Call (201)434-6203 for information.

## Brown to be installed as new UCC president

CRANFORD — Dr. Thomas H. Brown of Plainfield will be installed as the seventh president of Union County College at Inaugural Ceremonies on Friday, April 26 at 2 p.m., at the Cranford Campus.

The announcement was made by Mr. Frank H. Blatz, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. William J. Biunno, chairman of the Board of Governors. The two governing bodies will sponsor the Inaugural Ceremonies.

Mr. Blatz also announced the appointment of Mr. Biunno and Mr. Frank A. Bolden, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, as co-chairman of the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

Dr. Brown took over as president of Union County College on July 1, 1990.

Union County College is the public community college of Union County, serving about 10,000 full-time and part-time students in 67 programs leading to an Associate Degree, Certificate or Diploma, as well as more than 10,000 students enrolled in continuing education and community services offerings. The College's main campus is in Cranford and it operates branch campuses in Elizabeth and Scotch Plains, and an extension center in Plainfield.

The College traces its history to the founding of Union County Junior College on October 16, 1933. In 1982, Union College,

which was then an independent institution, merged with Union County Technical Institute in Scotch Plains to form Union County College.

Dr. Brown previously was vice president for instruction at Mohawk Valley Community College, the State University of New York, in Utica, N.Y., where he directed and implemented the first general education program in 45 years. He designed and implemented a new academic reorganization plan, supervised the building design and equipment location of two new science and technology buildings, established a weekend college program and an honors program, and directed and planned collaborative educational programs with Boards of Cooperative Educational Services and local high schools.

While at Mohawk Valley, Dr. Brown wrote the first joint admissions program with the State University of New York (SUNY) Institute of Technology and implemented 48 new articulation agreements for direct credit transfer with four-year institutions.

Prior to that, he taught and served as an administrator, including service as dean of instruction at Cumberland County College in Vineland.

A graduate of the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree, he holds both master's and doctoral degrees from New York University.

## Henderson on Display

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"Because of Florence Henderson's unselfishness and her desire to share her husband's talent and the history he chronicled, the library is pleased to have an important addition to its archives of the contributions of Blacks to many facets of life in our city."

Dr. Clement Alexander Price, a library trustee and history professor at Rutgers University spoke for the Board (chaired by Mrs. Josephine Jamifier). Dr. Geraldyn Goldfarb Grant presented Mrs. Henderson with a Resolution from the Newark City Council on behalf of her husband, Dr. Ralph T. Grant, council president. A Henderson colleague and former student, Newark photographer, Lloyd Person also spoke as did Charles Cummings, Newark city historian.

Musical interludes were provided by the Back Home Gospel Choir under the direction of Rev. Charles Banks and throughout the evening, internationally famous pianist, Professor Robert Banks entertained the more than 200 guests.

The works of Al Henderson will be on display throughout Black History Month and for those with a bent for nostalgia, viewing this collection of Black History in motion is a must. It should also be required viewing for local students attempting to master the skill of working with cameras.

made possible through the efforts of Henderson's widow, Florence Henderson, who donated more than 500 photographs to the library's Black History archives.

Only a portion of the collection is on exhibit but it is a collection of familiar faces and places in Contemporary Newark. Gospel groups and choirs like the Reva, Charles and Jeff Banks as well as entertainers popular when Newark was a late night town and folks who have helped write significant pages of city history are prominently displayed.

At a reception to mark the exhibits opening, speakers not only remembered Henderson's genius with the camera, but acknowledged the importance of his widow's gift.



Representative of the City of Plainfield receive a "Big \$3,000 Check" to fund an exercise program. Right to left: Patty Bender, Director Plainfield Senior Citizens Center; Ruby Hodge, health Officer City of Plainfield; Henry Coleman of the NJ State Treasury Department; Bonnie Watson, Deputy Commissioner of Community Affairs; and Plainfield Center Members Eartha Allen and Ola Flowers both participants in the Center's Exercise Class.



Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange Human Rights Awards recipients; L to r. First Row: Michael Marucci, Mayor Brown, Naomi Rock, Second Row: William Reid, Jan Billingsley, Reginald Wells, Third Row: Father Dante Di-Gloriano, Rev. Canon Carlos A.J. Clarke, James Shell, Nathaniel Coleman. Photo by Emily Dillon Jr.



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\*PLEASE SEE THE TEST APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE CLOSING DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 26, 1991.

## CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**JERSEY CITY**—"Amazing Magnets" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is a part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hapburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**PLAINFIELD**—The Black Cultural & Historical Union of Union County will hold its annual dinner dance at 7 p.m. in recognition of the Frederick Douglass award will be Frederick Gerald Green. For information call 201-753-8835.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**NEWARK**—City News in conjunction with the Newark Public Library will host a presentation and book signing for Desirée J. Ferguson author of *Captain Africa: The Battle for Egyptica*. Ferguson is the creator of *Captain Africa*, the comic strip published weekly in City News. He will also be displaying original art and presenting an exciting slide show at the Newark Public Library. The display begins at 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. For more information please call 754-3400 or 281-0635.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**JERSEY CITY**—Jersey City State College will offer "Security Management and Administration Institute" a non-credit for security managers and administration and law enforcement personnel through its Saturday Semester Program this spring. The ten-week institute will meet 9-1 p.m. at 2039 Kennedy Boulevard.

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# President de Klerk exploits the Persian Gulf debacle

by Daniel Marlen

The euphoria of President de Klerk's promise to end apartheid and to usher in a new, non-racial and democratic South African nation has proven to be a hoax and an utter failure. His promised black-white negotiations have floundered. Now, to save face, de Klerk is turning to the Persian Gulf fiasco for an opportunity to

save face. Last week-end, he was heard on TV squirming: "South Africa fully supports the U.S.A. in the Persian Gulf War!" That de Klerk squirm was a hoax. It is one of his hoaxes to beguile mankind from opposing apartheid. To de Klerk more words of deception like "We fully support U.S.A." are dupes de Klerk uses to cajole and induce America and other opponents of apartheid to loosen their grip of

economic sanctions and other opposition that forced South Africa to free Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners from jail. Constitutionally speaking, South Africa isn't a true friend of America. The American constitution is anathema to de Klerk and his Afrikaner regime. On the other hand, the apartheid policies of South Africa are anathema to America and its people. Whilst churches, temples,

worship worldwide were engaged in prayers for a cease-fire and peace in the Persian Gulf, South Africa's President de Klerk saw an opportunity to cajole and beguile America to help apartheid gain time before its impending demise. De Klerk wishes the Gulf fiasco to escalate so that the Red Sea trade lanes may be closed, permitting South Africa to benefit

from the routing of oceanic trade via the Cape of Good Hope. De Klerk and his apartheid henchmen are not peaceful statesmen and lovers of democracy and brotherhood of man. Rather, it is the native Africans of ANC, OAU and other political organizations who speak with the voice of people of goodwill who love peace. In its latest newsletter from Johannesburg, of January 19, 1991, ANC says, "We view with very grave concern the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf." The newsletter continues, "We call for immediate cessation of hostilities, and the resumption of diplomatic initiatives."

A session on "Circulation Boosters" was conducted by Yvonne Pearson, single copy sales director of Essence Communications, and Lori Rainford, circulation director of Emmerge Magazine. In another area, behavioral scientists G. Joyce Hamer of Hamer Advertising and Marketing Concepts, and Lynn Brinkerhoff of Resultsmasters conducted empowerment sessions for NNPA members.

**Socioeconomic issues, business**  
One of the most pressing issues in the black community has

the situation in the Gulf." De Klerk's apartheid is anti-theological to American democracy, the American constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Charter of Human Rights and the United Nations Charter, all of which stand four-square for freedom, justice, equality and the brotherhood of man. Conversely, de Klerk stands for the "protection" of white monopolists who monopolize all power and government in the state, and dominate 93% of the country's population of all races, black, brown, white and yellow.

True, America has nothing to benefit from South Africa's cooperation in the Gulf. America knows why she is there, and why she shouldn't be there. Besides, South Africa is steeped in its own bloodbath which is dragging the country into civil war, genocide and anarchy, which she is failing to stop. America has no need for an ally like South Africa in the dangerous world in which she is. All she needs is an ally who knows what humanity means -- freedom, democracy, justice, peace and love. Before de Klerk engages in international relations he must know the American constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, etc., which epitomize the aspirations of the native Africans of South Africa.

## Empowerment of Black Press

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hamas could sympathize with the plight of Kuwait. "I know how we would have felt if a large neighbor of ours sought to take us over," he said.

Throughout the conference, guest speakers echoed the power and importance of the Black Press.

U.S. Rep. Edolphus Towns, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), described it as the "salvation" of his last election to Congress. "The white press won't tell your side of the story," he said.

Towns, voicing his concern over the amount of advertising in the black-owned media, said the institution wants its "fair share," and called for a partnership between the Black Press and the CBC.

He suggested that NNPA ask the CBC Foundation to add a research arm that would look into the amount of business corporate America does with Black America.

Another distinguished speaker, NAACP Executive Director Dr. Benjamin Hooks, talked about the historical significance of black newspapers, and steps taken by the NAACP to ensure their survival.

Hooks outlined his plan to help the Black Press, which began with a letter to Fortune 500 companies asking for their advertising support. He also sent a directive to local branches of the NAACP requesting that they support black newspapers.

### Coalitions with corporate America

Some of the nation's leading corporations that support the Black Press were represented at the NNPA conference. Sponsors were Philip Morris USA, Coca-Cola USA, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., Kraft General Foods, Miller Brewing Co., Burger King Corp., Coors Brewing Co., McDonald's Corp., House of Seagram, Reebok International, Pepsi Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Carnegie Corp., Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Assn., Schiefel & Somerset Co. and Amheuser-Busch.

Various corporate representatives reiterated their companies' commitment to the Black Press. Carl Ware, Senior vice president with Coca-Cola Co., said, "We trust your message and we trust your medium," and said he is amazed that more corporations do not recognize the value of the black targeted market.

Ware also set the record straight on Coca-Cola's interests in South Africa. He said the company has invested in South Africa, sold its interests to Black South African butlers, and in the process, took a \$50 million loss.

In addition, the company contributed \$10 million to the Equal Opportunity Foundation, which was founded to help Black South Africans through means of education and economic development.

Benjamin S. Ruffin, vice president of corporate affairs for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Corp., urged members of NNPA to "plow one more row." He said his company is helping "because we believe in what you are doing."

Discussing issues facing tobacco companies today, Ruffin talked about R.J. Reynolds' agenda. The company, he said, is developing a new program to scourge young people from smoking. The corporation has also sought legislation in North Carolina that would make it unlawful for cigarette companies to advertise within 500 feet of a school or playground.

Elton Merlo, vice president of marketing services with Philip Morris USA, discussed that company's commitment to minority communities, and stressed the effectiveness of the African American media as a communications tool.

### Advice on advertising, etc.

Other professionals present at the NNPA Mid-Winter Conference shared their expertise in areas such as advertising, marketing and circulation.

Charles N. Jamison, co-founder of Jamison & Leary Advertising, Inc., said there were two components to marketing: meeting needs and creating demand.

He advised the publishers to know their market, learn what consumers want to read, and give it to them in a quality way. Publishers should also know how to "present themselves," and must be connected with the business community. People, he said, do business with people they know.

Lawrence E. Cooke, vice president and media director of the advertising/public relations firm of Lockhart & Pettus, commended black newspapers for being an excellent community vehicle and for offering positive and believable advertising targets.

He suggested, however, that the Black Press shift its emphasis concerning why advertisers consider buying in black newspapers. He has his view that instead of concentrating on the idea that advertisers "owe us," black newspapers should show why they offer a worthwhile advertising environment. Additionally, the Black Press should do more research into demographic and "psychographic" profiles of readers, emphasize the uniqueness of their paper and market, and

demonstrate their knowledge of the clients' products.

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## Editorial

### Patriotism and the New World Order

There seems to be those in our great country who insist on defining patriotism as those who support Bush and Operation Desert Storm. Those who do not are considered unpatriotic. A clarification of these two strong dispositions deserves discussion.

There are definitely those who believe that President Bush is conducting a war to liberate Kuwait and stop the aggression of Saddam Hussein. They believe that this war is good versus evil or that it is a "just" war. Of course people who think this way have a right to do so and can be considered patriotic in the sense of the definition that a patriot is one "who loves and loyally or zealously supports his country."

On the other hand, there are those who do not support the Bush administration's war. They are concerned however about the American troops in Saudi Arabia and want them home safely.

Are these people unpatriotic or less patriotic than those who support the war?

Bush has set out unilaterally and administratively putting in place his plan for universal aggression, disguised in terms of a "new world order."

Those who believe in the principles of this country founded on freedom of choice find Bush's need to "order" the world a bit frightening. Even God gave man "free will" allowing him to choose. Is Bush greater than His authority?

In recent years our leaders have acted upon the theory that we should control the lives and destinies of other peoples. Consequently our aggression has been taken out on weaker countries, mostly third world countries many of whom we supported until they decided to call their own shots. Thus we have interfered in the affairs of state of Panama, Grenada, and sent arms for drugs to finance the rebels in Nicaragua.

With the Soviet Union out of the way, struggling with its own internal problems, the U.S. has seen fit to "order" the rest of the world, at least those who are not its allies.

King Hussein of Jordan was "one of the boys" until he spoke out on what he considered to be a war against all Arabs and called for a cease fire. Well since his plan, a position he has maintained from the beginning, was not in the "order," the U.S. has now cut aid to Jordan, once a close ally and friend.

Many believe war is one of the tools employed by the Bush administration to continue the implementation of "order."

Imposing one's will on another is contradictory to the principles of freedom of democracy. What order does Mr. Bush plan to implement? Who gives him that authority? Shouldn't we have known of this master plan before electing him to lead this great country of ours?

How does this reflect on patriotism? There are those who would lay down their lives without a moment's hesitation if the principles of this country were violated. Yet they do not support the Persian Gulf war. Likewise, the American people must fight no matter where to make sure our freedom of choice is not violated.

Some believe that Bush has jeopardized our democracy by taking the course he has.

He has endangered the lives of over 400,000 men and women. He has caused great hardship on an economy already struggling through a recession. He is insulting and alienating other Arab countries by unilaterally making decisions that affect their countries, their resources and their families. He has placed the world in great peril of terrorist attacks.

Some patriots feel that no one person should be allowed to do this without question and certainly without getting the overwhelming support of the American people. The House and Senate vote giving him authority was not a mandate to invade Iraq. Most polls seem to reflect the American people's sentiment with the armed forces involved with this war, not necessarily what the war represents.

Patriotism is more than opinion polls and following blindly behind whoever happens to occupy the White House. For many patriots, it's guarding the foundation that makes this country great and fighting whatever threat arises whether it's from Iraq or the Oval Office.

## Quote of the Week

**Power in defense of freedom is greater than power in behalf of tyranny and oppression.**

Malcolm X

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By Connie Woodruff

It took a lot of courage to tell the truth about the New Jersey educational system and its continuing failure to produce students able to enter colleges and universities, or more importantly to get jobs after graduating high school.

But last week two top administrators did just that and we should be grateful to them for telling what many of us know, despite the public relations pumped out of Superintendent Eugene Campbell's office, kids in Newark schools, and elsewhere in the state of New Jersey, are not meeting expectations of parents and taxpayers.

Not all of the blame should

rest on the superintendent's shoulders, however. Blame must be spread throughout the ranks of school administrators, teachers, the Board of Education and state officials reluctant to admit we keep failing our young.

Is it any wonder so many young people are jobless? Many can't fill the most basic requirements to apply for or function in the workplace that left them far behind a decade ago when we entered the Age of Technology.

Even scarier, is the future for young women searching for home and hearth. What future will they have married to a clinically unemployed man? And how fulfilled is a man who knows he can't support himself or a family?

If there is a continued dearth of unmarried men and women we can understand. Living with

ignorance is a hardship on everybody - and sooner or later we all learn marriage is more than a few minutes of sexual enjoyment.

During Black History Month schools reach out to the successful people in our communities, invite them to address school assemblies and to give the kids pep talks on how to become motivated along with a personal formula for success.

But role models mean little or nothing if a student cannot meet a passing level of math, can't read a book or know how to write a sentence.

Mayor Sharpe James is probably right. In a city like Newark where politics is the only game in town, it is dangerous to leave selection of the Board of Education up to voters.

The past has proven that the candidate who spends a little more money than the rest of the pack; or one politically popular or related to someone who is or the candidate's support; or an influential special interest group, is usually the winner.

Sometimes the good guy (or gal) wins, most of the time they do not. In that case, it is the children who suffer in the end.

But so does the taxpayer because his dollars are not used to improve a bad system but to perpetuate political goodie like teacher assignments to certain schools, promotion of inept administrators, tenured professional delinquents and well paid public relations "experts" without the slightest notion of what really makes education tick.

Instead of making excuses,  
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## As I See It...

### In and around town

## Our children's rights— Nothing Less!

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Our children continue to be used as scapegoats and pawns in the political games being played by politicians and educational officials, who refuse to deal fairly and honestly with the question of achieving parity in spending throughout the various school districts in the State of New Jersey. When all is said and done, it really boils down to the same fundamental issue which continue to plague and haunt this nation's soul: equality and fairness being afforded to all people, regardless of their race, color, creed, or economic status.

When the Education Law Center and their brilliant attorney, Marilyn J. Morheuser lead the fight on behalf of the plaintiff children in the Abbott v. Burke court case, they continued an ongoing battle to address the question of parity in spending which has been going on for years; they were successful in their court fight, and the Supreme Court ruled that the State financing formula was unconstitutional as applied to poorer urban districts.

The political antics started immediately. Governor Florio was able to push through the legislature the Quality Education Act (QEA) which attempts to deal with the funding structure and the need to provide additional aid to 30 urban school districts classi-

fied as "special needs" districts. Politicians and school administrators in wealthier school districts began to make noise (as they have in the past) about losing some of their state aid and other perks, and have now organized to propose changes in the QEA law, designed not to improve it, but to destroy the original intent.

While the Quality Education Law is certainly flawed in many areas, one must be careful in listening to the arguments being put forth by its detractors. There are some who don't want the Quality Education Act, or any legislation which would mean that children in poorer school districts receive the same amount in funding that children in wealthier school districts receive. The fact that the majority of children in these 30 school districts are predominantly African or Hispanic American is a crucial factor which cannot be overlooked or downplayed. Racism is very much at the center of this controversy, and people should not shy away from dealing with the issue, and speaking out against it.

While I absolutely agree that there is a lot of incompetence and mismanagement in some of these urban school districts, I reject the argument that children in these districts don't need the extra aid in the form of per pupil expenditure as wealthier school districts. People should struggle in their lo-

cal school districts to demand accountability and the removal of administrators and teachers who cannot perform up to high level of expectations. Efforts should be intensified to refocus attention in these districts to improve student performance and staff development.

But while this is going on, we must not let our children suffer from lack of adequate funding. Schools which are in dire need of repair and proper maintenance; few, if any, technical equipment,

computers, supplies, books etc., as compared with wealthier school districts are all realities. More money will not solve all of the problems, but it certainly will help our children, if properly allocated. Therefore, while constructive criticism is correctly aimed at some of those urban school administrators who haven't been able to move their school districts forward, we shouldn't let this stop us from demanding the same amount of funding and fairness for our children.

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## Eugene Campbell responds to HSPT results

Recently an article appeared in the Star-Ledger citing the poor performance by Newark's ninth grade students on a practice HSPT, School Proficiency Test (HSPT). In October of 1990, I left an impression that the district was only reacting to the "frightening" performance of the students. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The district acknowledges that mathematics is a traditional area of weak performance not only for Newark but for the entire nation. To address this weakness we have initiated several programs which will better serve our students' math needs.

First, we have created an Of-

fice of Mathematics staffed by experience and successful teachers who have been instrumental in the pockets of success that we have had. This department is conducting workshops district-wide to improve the mathematics instruction that the students are receiving.

Second, the district has purchased a new math series for its elementary grades (K-5) so that all students will have access to the most modern materials available. This is part of a total package which included ongoing teacher training along with other supplemental materials from the textbook company.

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### Common denominators in black history...

## What do Ghost Dancing, Buffalo Soldiers and Patriotism have in common?

Commentary by Peter Jackson

On 29 of December 1890, the 7th Cavalry—infamous for its defeat fourteen years earlier at Little Bighorn, where General Custer and most of the 7th Cavalry had fallen to Sioux and Cheyenne peoples led by Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, and Two Moons—surrounded Wounded Knee Creek, a South Dakota reservation, where Big Foot and 350 Sioux were living.

The soldiers had come to Wounded Knee to disarm Big Foot and his people. The Sioux surrendered their guns to the soldiers, but the regiments colonel, James W. Forsyth, was not satisfied. He had the Sioux's homes searched, and the soldiers confiscated axes, knives and other weapons. During the search, one Sioux refused to relinquish his gun and began dancing the Ghost Dance.

The gun discharged, and the soldiers, with Hotchkiss machine guns, then opened fire on these virtually unarmed people. According to one account, when the smoke cleared, 120 men and 250 women and children were dead, along with thirty-one soldiers.

Often interpreted as a combination of Christianity and mysticism, Ghost Dance was introduced to the Sioux by Wovoka, a Paiute. Wovoka preached that the spiritual regeneration of Native Americans (NA) would take place if NAs "avoid white ways and seek communion with the spirit of the NAs." A priest, therefore, he exhorted his people to "harm no one, fight no one, and do right always." (Sound famil-

iar?) Wovoka promised that the Great Spirit would cause a new "mantle of earth to cover the ground, and that the white man would disappear, and that the ghosts of dead NAs would return.

Which brings us to patriotism. According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2nd ed., a patriot is one who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests." Living in 1890 could you have been a patriot and supported the Sioux at Wounded Knee? Patriots during the so-called "Indian wars" were those who supported U.S. expansionism across the Americas, and those who supported and participated in the removal of all Native peoples who did not acquiesce in the imperative of "U.S. interests first," also known as "US first."

According to Gen. Davison, these are the Native Peoples who faced the persecution of Buffalo Soldiers: Utes, Apaches, Kiowas, Cheyennes, Shoshones, Banocks, and Sioux.

Should Buffalo Soldiers be excused by black people for having assisted the military in pursuing "US first"? Are blacks encouraged to idolize white soldiers who fought Native Peoples? Then why honor blacks for the peoples for which whites are condemned: the conquest of Native Peoples. Native Peoples are just as dead whether the bullet came from the slave master or the recently emancipated slave.

What of those unknown blacks who deserted the military

and joined Native Peoples in their struggle against the forces of Manifest Destiny and westward expansionism? Are they traitors? And if they are traitors, then against what have they been traitorous?

Patriotism is what it is: a willingness to fervently support the interests of your country, whatever those interests are. In the U.S.A., the interest that must be fervently supported is "US first."

If patriotism can lead blacks to murder Native woman and children at Wounded Knee; to murder Khadijah's three year old daughter in Libya, to murder hundreds of anonymous African people in Grenada, to murder

thousands of anonymous African people in Panama, and to murder untold African and Arabic people in Iraq, then there is only one question left to ask: "We cannot be killed for Patriots?"

Can Kenyans not be killed, if we be patriots?  
Can Haitians not be killed, if we be patriots?  
Can Namibians not be killed, if we be patriots?

Can Harlemites not be killed, if we be patriots?  
Can El Salvadorans not be killed, if we be patriots?  
Can Sioux not be killed again, if we be patriots?

Can you not be killed, if we be patriots?

### CHILDWATCH

## A Look At The Future

by Marian Wright Edelman

It is the year 2010. The United States is no longer a world power. The nation has ceased to be the international economic leader. Production is down and companies have folded. Well-educated, qualified workers are impossible or extremely hard to find.

Why is this former number one power in such dire straits? As the 20th century neared an end, this nation could have avoided disaster, but chose to ignore its education problem. As a result,

the untrained and uneducated have almost doubled, and poverty and unemployment rates are at an all time high.

This scenario will come true, if we do nothing. Remember that in the year 2000, there will be 5.4 million (18 percent) fewer Americans aged 18-24 than in 1980. So it is crucial that each child be fully prepared and productive. One study estimates that white males will comprise only 15 percent of the net additions to the labor force between 1985 and 2000. We will need all our children to participate in their potential.

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# YOUTH / EDUCATION / SUCCESS

## Speedway students send letters to troops

On Wednesday, February 6, the elementary school students at Speedway Avenue School in Newark "mass mailed" letters to "adopted" soldiers in the war in the Persian Gulf, according to Charlotte Banks, the Principal, and Vanessa Bohles, PTA President. West Ward Councilman, Ronald L. Rice joined in on this effort, as his way of "expressing appreciation and concern for each and every troop, who is putting their life on the line in this war effort."

The mailing was sent out from 18 different classes, with

their destination being 18 service people from this area; each of which has been adopted by one class. Two former Speedway Avenue students are now stationed in Saudi Arabia, and will be recipients of letters from their former elementary alma mater, and 16 additional fighting men and women—most relatives of Speedway Avenue School students—were also adopted and targeted to receive this correspondence. "A total of 420 letters went out," stated Councilman Rice, who also indicated that he was "proud to be a part of this effort."



BALTIMORE—THE "GLORY" OF BLACK HISTORY—Dr. Samuel Billups, principal, Walbrook High School, discusses the Pepsi-Cola "Glory" education pack. The pack, which includes a specially-edited version of the award-winning movie "Glory," a special introductory message from Navy Lt. Cmdr. Montel Williams, a full-color movie poster and a lesson planner to assist teachers who choose to use "Glory" in the classroom. With Billups are, from left, Gwendolyn Stratham, head of the Social Studies Department for Walbrook, Amy Morris, president of the school's student government, and Linda Smith, associate marketing manager, Pepsi-Cola Chesapeake Area. Winner of three Academy Awards and the NAACP's Image Award for Best Motion Picture of 1989, "Glory" is being provided to more than 20,000 junior and senior high schools, 117 historically and predominantly Black colleges and universities and 1,000 African-American community organizations across the U.S. "Glory" tells the true story of the 54th Infantry of Massachusetts, a unit of Black, former slaves, that fought heroically during the Civil War. Twenty-three African-Americans were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor — this nation's highest award for bravery — during the civil war.

## Do you know New Jersey?

Newark	Hoboken	Monte Park	Monmouth
Atlantic City	Sandy Hook	East Rutherford	Princeton
Deptford Township	Indian Mills	Perth Amboy	

From the word box above fill-in the names of the city that corresponds to the clue given.

1. I was home to James Still, a Black Doctor in the Pine Barrens.
2. I am home to the first collegiate football game and a prestigious college.
3. I am the largest city in New Jersey, with a population of about 285,000.
4. I was home to Thomas Paterson, who was the first black to vote in 1870.
5. I was the landing site of the first air voyage in the United States in 1793.
6. I am home to an 85 foot lighthouse, also the oldest lighthouse on the East Coast.
7. Along my sandy coast lies the famous Boardwalk not to mention Casinos.
8. Home of the Giants, I am home to one of the best sports complexes in the nation.
9. I am home to the first official baseball game played in 1846.
10. In a laboratory here Thomas Edison perfected the electric light.
11. Here Molly Pitcher became famous for taking water to the soldiers in 1778.

## CAN'T TOUCH THIS

### Dana Dane Centerstage

by Terry Benjamin

Dana Dane (Dana McCleese), rap music's premier story teller is back with "Dana Dane 4-Ever," a new LP that showcases the poetic imagery that made his 1987 debut album "Dana Dane With Fame" a big hit on the strength of hip hop classics like "Nighmares," "Cinderella," "Dana Dane," "Dolancey Street," "This Be The Def Beat" and more.

Superstar producers Fresh Gordon and Hurby "Luv Bug" Azor provide appropriate settings for Dana Dane's superior rap/poetry. Dane is definitely back, and confirms this on "A Little Bit of Dana Tonight":

*You never thought that Dana would be this large again, my brother/Bring it on up, I'll sign your album cover/I'll hold your girl cause I think she's jockin' me! Can't you tell by the way she's coddlin' me?*

But tall tales from the mind of Dana Dane comes across with a sense of humor on "Tales From The Dane Side," a track that contains a sample from 70's supergroup Sly and the Family Stone. All these tales end with a sexual conquest for the rapper and features the following chorus: "You think the tales to tall? Or maybe I lied? But anything can happen on tales from the Dane side."

James Brown and George Clinton samples make "Something Special" exactly that as Dana Dane raps:

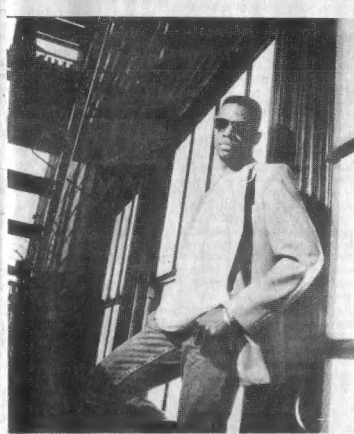
*The same old same old is dead and gone/The 90's require a different type of song/That's what I'm bringing cause that's how I'm living Always something special that's what I be giving.*

"Dedication 2" is a funky hello to some friends in the rap business—DJ Clark Kent, Andre DeBour, Hurby Luv Bug, Fresh Gordon, the Kangel Crew as well as his mother. All this over a shuffling drum track.

With a funky piano/trum and the cutting and scratching of DJ Clark Kent, "Dana Dane To It" is another rap classic from Dana

*No one knows but I've been here for awhile  
I've been sitting in the back, playing a low profile  
Then like expected, well, my name would be passed  
'Would the rapper Dana Dane please come to the stage?'*

**Dana Dane**  
A Little Bit of Dana Tonight



## DANA DANE

PROGEN  
DANCE

Dane. "Now here's a single with a jungle that y'all all be loving soon," Dana Dane raps. "You'll play it once and even have your parents croon."

Dana Dane's ingenuity is showcased on "What Dirty Minds U Have" his clever double entendre rap with Profile labelmate Joeelle Love ("Foe Cool"). Dana Dane raps: "She said, 'Dane, sweetie, can I give you a hand/That's when I whipped it out on her like a rubber band.'"

What he is talking about is the party balloons they have to blow up for an upcoming celebration. The other tale is a take off on the risqué possibilities of putting a key into a lock.

"Makes Me Wanna Sling" is a party jam that features singing by 4 Play and free style rapping from Dana Dane: "Holy, moly, baby, let me guard you like a goalie / Take you to my house and you can hold me/As we cuddle and listen to some oldies."

## PT's clubhouse

### Old Business:

Answers to the February 6's P.T.'s Clubhouse.

WHO ARE WE?

> Marian Anderson and Thurgood Marshall

## Who Are We?

In 1797 I was born with name Isabella in upstate New York to a woman by the name of Mau Mau Bett. At an early age I was sold and separated from my mother. During my younger years I picked up many bad habits from my master's family, which included cursing and smoking. In 1827, I gained my freedom through the New York emancipation act. Looking for guidance and acceptance I joined a religious group that took me to Sing, Sing, New York. Although I was never involved in any scandalous acts while I participated in this group, this cult was later linked to murder. In 1843, I started my life over with a new name and mission. With a bag of clothes and 25 cents I would walk the nation lecturing and preaching my experiences and the truth. I am six feet tall and often wear a sunbonnet. I speak of the injustices and irony of the Constitution and the times.

WHO AM I?

### Black History Makers

In the word search below, find the SURNAMES or last names of 12 people who made history.

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## Plainfield Symphony presents Free Children's Concert

The Plainfield Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual free Children's Concert on Sunday, February 17, 1991 at 3:00 p.m., the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue and Seventh Streets in Plainfield.

For the past six years the Plainfield Symphony has held a Youth Concert Competition. A special honor awarded to an outstanding applicant of the competition has an opportunity to perform with the orchestra. This year's winner is Cheryl Lin, 17-years-old of Edison. For further information call 201-561-5140





# As I see it

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Eugene Campbell should wield the big stick he has by virtue of his position. Campbell is no dummy. He knows as do other school superintendents, where all the weak links in the chain of education are hiding out in the classrooms, principal's offices, on the Board of Education and yes, in central office.

What he lacks is the motivation to clean house, to demand the accountability we assume exists and the integrity of

those in control or the reaching and teaching.

Newark teachers and administrators are well paid. Perhaps the remuneration could be better, but it's not all that bad.

Parents who attend Board meetings regularly are often treated with such disdain they are better to give up the fight. If this should happen, things won't be better, they will be far worse so for the sake of the students we hope parents will hang on tenaciously and continue to fight for change.

It won't be long now before we'll see a dirth of candidates on the stump for election to the Board of Education. We must question them carefully, examine their backgrounds and try to figure out their real motives for seeking election.

Maybe we should require certain criteria for becoming a Board member like having a child who is a present or past student in a Newark school.

It is well known that parents who can afford to send their children to private schools (mostly parochial). Few, if any, teachers who live in Newark send their kids to the public schools. Probably because they know first hand that the child will not get the education the parent hopes for and that's saying a lot for the fair!

teachers have in the system which pay them to be productive with satisfactory results.

Mayor James, a strong advocate for good education, has said more than once he would like the privilege of appointing a Board. In view of the most recent findings about how poorly students did on a simulated proficiency test prior to the real thing later in the year, the mayor's assertion is time for a change - look at an appointed Board - is looking better and better.

And since the Newark Collaboration prides itself with being on top of issues impacting heavily on the community, another look at the status of education may be a good place for the incoming Chairman, George Hampton, to begin his term of office.

# NOT EVERYONE CAN RELAX AT NIGHT

from Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc.

It twilights and the wind whistles around Newark's streets and corners. It kills everything in its path: buildings, cars, but most of all, people.

Mary and her three children sit in their rented rooms and wait. They have problems, but right now their concern is an event most people don't even think about: the coming of night.

Why do these innocent people hate to see night come? Precisely because they have no electricity.

Mary is in her 30's and on welfare. She is not a drug or alcohol user, but, she's in a constant struggle to make a home for her children. They've had no gas or electricity for two weeks. Mary could not make her payments; after several warning letters her utilities were shut off. She lost all the food stored in her refrigerator and can't even heat water. She must live in the dark, which her children hate -- or resort to candles, which can end in tragedy.

Ordinarily, Mary would turn to the Welfare Department. But welfare limits help to one emergency per year, and Mary used that one. And with her luck, it would be early November. After November 15, Public Service does not share the utilities of welfare recipients because of the cold. Oh, Mary managed to save a little emergency money. But it was October, and that went to buy the kids new clothes for school. (Mary knows how ridicule can kill a kid's self-esteem and the desire even to be in school. She's been there.)

Mary found out about Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. She came in and explained her situation to a caseworker. She was told what papers she'd need, i.e. denial letter from welfare, shut-off notice from Public Service, etc.

Next day at 2:00 p.m., Mary returned with her papers in order. It was due to write a check; Public Service does not turn on utilities after 3:00 p.m. to NESF issued a letter promising to pay. Mary took the letter to Public Service before the deadline and had her utilities back on that same day.

Essex County has many Marys who find themselves in the dark, or cold, or both. The reasons are varied and often unavoidable. Perhaps the most common cause is unexpected utility bills. A family least likely, for instance, turns on electric heaters, and the bill goes up. Another is family breakers: a husband deserts his family or is arrested. The death of a relative in a far-away place, sudden illness or poor judgment on priorities are also causes of crises that NESF deals with every day.

The high costs of government programs, high unemployment, and high prices for essential financial necessities are increasing. Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. will continue to send clients to the appropriate provider agency, to give direct financial assistance, to provide crisis counseling and training in life skills, such as budgeting. Hopefully, then, people with limited income will not be forced to choose among paying rent, paying utilities, buying clothes or feeding their children.

Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. is a non-profit agency which provides 24-hour emergency resources to families and individuals. We supply emergency rent, food, and utilities assistance when funds are available. NESF is a community-based, non-profit training program and self-help workshops. NESF's 24-hour hotline number is 824-0013.

# Sickle Cell Anemia patients sought for blindness UMDNJ study

Sickle cell anemia patients are needed by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) for research to identify early indicators of an eye condition that causes blindness.

Researchers at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, Newark, will work with these patients to create a profile of continuing eye lead to severe retinopathy and other blindness in sickle cell patients.

Retinopathy is a disorder of the retina, the membrane that lines the inside of the eye, and involves bleeding of the retinal blood vessels.

All patients in the study will receive a free, comprehensive 90-minute eye exam. Participants must be over 18 years old. Pregnant women are not eligible.

"We want to identify the physical characteristics of patients who are likely to develop severe cases of retinopathy," said Dr. Monique Roy, assistant professor of ophthalmology at the medical school. "From there, we can begin developing preventive measures to stop the condition early on."

Retinal changes usually have little effect on vision, but in 15 to 20 percent of the cases, vision loss results either when the changes occur in the center of the retina or when abnormal blood

vessels form. Laser surgery can stop the bleeding of existing vessels and slow the growth of new ones. However, the procedure is not effective in all patients.

Patients in the study who show early signs of retinopathy will undergo two eye tests. They are:

\* A color vision test, in which patients place small colored chips in order according to color. Retinal damage can be judged from the misplacement of chips.

\* A blood flow test in which researchers observe the movement of blood cells inside the patient's retina. They match them to the movement of small dots on a computer screen.

In addition, participants will receive blood tests to obtain information about their red blood cells.

"None of these tests are uncommon in diagnosing the severity of retinopathy," said Dr. Roy. "But the information we are seeking -- the common factors among patients with advancing eye conditions -- could point the way to earlier diagnosis and blindness prevention."

For more information or to volunteer for the study, call (201) 456-6230 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

# MRMC serves as support

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who have chosen nursing as a new career. Ms. Nisenzon is also a nurse practitioner and taught Clinical Care Nursing.

Muhlenberg Security Officer David F. Oppmann of Fanwood, a corporal in the Army Reserves, has been ordered to report to Fort Sill, Okla. prior to reassignment in the Persian Gulf War. Oppmann is on a leave absence from Muhlenberg, where he was employed for almost a year.

The Army veteran was on inactive reserve status when he was ordered to report to an artillery battalion at Fort Sill. Following up to eight weeks of refresher training, he expects to be sent to the Persian Gulf.

"I'd rather go over there and

fight (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein now than have kids my age fight him 20 years from now," said the 22-year-old service man. "I love this country and will do anything for it."

Kopicki announced that a Tree of Remembrance will be created in which the branches will contain names of medical center employees, volunteers and auxiliaries, medical and dental staff members and members of their families and relatives who are serving in the Persian Gulf War. The tree, with a yellow ribbon around its trunk, will be displayed in a prominent location in the medical center, said Kopicki, a Cranford resident.

# Childwatch

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Our ability to compete and lead -- not fall behind -- in the next century depends on our immediate response to this domestic crisis. A step in the right direction was taken when the president and governors set the first-ever national education goals for school readiness, achievement, literacy and high school graduation.

But reaching these goals requires a fundamental overhaul of the nation's school's especially those that serve minority and poor children, as well as significant improvements in health care, family supports, and preschool programs. High school graduation begins before birth not when a child walks through the school door. Community and parental support is also important to achieve these goals.

To make this educational reform real -- not just words, the Children's Defense Fund has published An Advocate's Guide To Improving Education. It provides a step-by-step plan for getting started, assesses how well your communities, schools are doing and helps you speak up for better schools and resources to assist you.

The guide emphasizes the need for 100 percent school, community, and citizen participation to direct this decade-long effort to see that all young

Americans get the knowledge and skills to be productive citizens and maintain American economic competitiveness by the year 2000.

National apathy has already cost us billions. Each year's high school dropouts cost the nation an estimated \$340 billion in lost and tax revenue. On top of that, the U.S. spends about \$20 billion annually on prisons; and billions more on welfare. As it becomes less possible to earn a decent living from unskilled work, more and more people turn to other sources.

Between 1973 and 1987, the median income of young families headed by a high school dropout fell by almost one-third. Families headed by adults with low basic skills are caught in cycles of poverty, underachievement, early parenthood, and underemployment that threatens to repeat itself for generations.

This country will not exert moral or economic leadership without an all-out effort to rescue its children. We can save our children and our future -- but only by making hard national choices and reordering our investment priorities. As each day passes, and nothing is done, we will soon be living the nightmare of the year 2010!

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

# Rice speaks out on Lynch-Dalton Bill

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caution that is expedient to their political cause. And it is unfortunate that good citizens follow their leadership with only partial information about the decision.

The Court decision (a copy is available in my office), says that the special needs districts in Newark, Irvington, East Orange and Orange have been discriminated against as it relates to the amount of dollars being spent per pupil in those districts. The Court decision also indicates and mandates that the State of New Jersey and its governing body develop a plan to equalize the funding of the state, bringing the special needs districts level of spending up to the level of parity and equity with, as specifically stated in the Court decision, "property rich suburban districts."

The Court went further, indicating that the legislature must do this without overburdening the property tax payers in poor districts any longer.

The court went further to say that given the economic conditions, foreseen deficits in the state treasury, and the need to still provide other basic services; it is up to the legislature to come up with the formula and the mechanism to fulfill the mandates of the Court decision and provide equity and parity in the educational formula without increasing the burden to property tax payers in the poor and urban districts.

It is in this light that Senator Wynona Lipman, myself and others supported the Lynch-Dalton legislation and will continue to support any legislation that will deliver both property tax relief and more money for the special needs educational districts. Newark taxpayers are

presently paying \$1698 for \$100 in assessed value in property tax. Irvington is paying over \$13.00 per \$100; East Orange over \$15.00 and Orange, over \$18.00. Each of these cities will have to raise taxes automatically this year in order to pay for the last half of the 1990 school budget. Newark will have to raise \$6.1 million in property taxes; Irvington, \$6.6 million; East Orange, \$7.5 million and Orange, \$4.3 million.

Those educational and political leaders in the community who provide their constituents with only partial information are doing the community a disservice. Although tax and educational issues can be seen as two separate issues, they are, in a sense, one and the same because traditionally, education has been paid for on the backs of home owners and tenants; and presently, there is only one pot of money that is available to address the Court mandates.

Finally, this year, as in the years to come, I will do all that I can to bring about a fully funded educational system and provide relief for the taxpayer. I will be fighting just as hard, along with Senator Lipman and others to make certain that the money is spent directly on our children's education and not on contracts for friends, perks and amenities, or any other type of "rip-off" spending. Our school district needs to be fully funded. Parents must keep themselves aware of school programs and actively participate in their children's education. They and their taxpayers must insist that educators, school administrators, Board members and other elected officials be held accountable for our children's education and the way in which education funds are used.

# Campbell on HSPT results

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Third, the district is changing its yearly standardized test. Starting with this current school year the students will be taking the Stanford Test which is much more challenging exam. It will better give the district the data needed to address the students' strengths and weaknesses. In addition students will be taking a new quarterly exam which matches the more difficult standards that our students must master.

Fourth, the district has made a comprehensive effort to find the most qualified mathematics teachers available. This includes the alternate route program in any district.

Fifth, the district has started a pilot program to departmentalize its upper elementary grades so that mathematics instructors will teach their specialty to the students. This goes hand in hand with the district's plan to have mathematics specialist available in all elementary schools so that our students will have the foundation needed to excel in higher mathematics.

We have also had an ongoing exchange program with local colleges to assist in improving the math instruction. These are just a few of the programs that the dis-

trict is going to improve the mathematics program.

Our plan of action and progress so long to make these changes you may ask? The reason is money. Almost all of the above listed programs have a cost factor involved. Textbooks and programs are not cheap particularly when you are buying for fifty thousand students. We also are looking to install additional computer labs in each school so that the children will have an opportunity to improve their skills through the use of modern technology.

You should also be aware that much of what we have begun requires Quality Education Act monies to compete. Without Q.E.A. funds we will only have isolated pie-meal programs which will restrict the students.

Our plan of action and progress are well thought-out, however they need resources and time to work. Certainly the problems that are affecting the district did not occur overnight and the corrections will not happen overnight. We are building an outstanding mathematics program and we welcome all those organizations, businesses and individuals who want to help. Slitting back and writing what's wrong is easy, helping to correct the problem is the real challenge.

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# CITY LIFE

## African American Heritage Month Celebrations

### BILLBOARD

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**TRENTON**—The Players Company presents *Blue For A Gospel Queen* through March 17. The musical extravaganza focuses on the voice and wonderment of gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. For ticket information call 609-966-4482.

**WAYNE**—Music by Handel, Schubert, Tchaikovsky and Britten will be performed by 12 members of the William Paterson College music faculty and several instrumentalists at 12 noon in the Shaw Center on the William Paterson Campus. Admission is free. For information call 201-585-2371.

**ENGLEWOOD**—1990 Grammy Award Winner, soprano Denyce Williams will join Hugh Wolf and the New Jersey Symphony for a concert featuring the music of Albert, Griffes, Dukas, and Debussy at 8 p.m. at John H. W. Center. For information call 201-624-8005.

**JERSEY CITY**—"Past and Promise: Love of New Jersey Women" the photo exhibit will be shown through Friday, March 8 at Jersey City State College in the Courtney Gallery. 2039 Kennedy Boulevard from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with opening reception this evening at 6 p.m. Free and open to the public. Information call 201-547-5441.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—1990 Grammy Award Winner, soprano Denyce Williams will join Hugh Wolf and the New Jersey Symphony for a concert featuring the music of Albert, Griffes, Dukas, and Debussy at 8 p.m. at John H. W. Center. For information call 201-624-8005.

**DUNELLEN**—A Sweetheart Dance for the benefit of the King's Daughters Day School will be held at the Wilkows from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$75-\$100 and \$25-\$50 after 6 p.m. Ask for Mr. Eddie.

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Anne Jackson and El Welch bring their talent and grace to the George Street Playhouse stage in *Crab Violets* new comedy. Starts and the 7:30 through March 3. For further information or tickets, call 246-1469.

**FANWOOD**—Catch Me If You Can, an intimate musical mystery will be performed at the Philadelphia stage in the Carnegie House on Watson Road. The show runs through March 2, for information call 201-322-0686.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**TRENTON**—1990 Grammy Award Winner, soprano Denyce Williams will join Hugh Wolf and the New Jersey Symphony for a concert featuring the music of Albert, Griffes, Dukas, and Debussy at 8 p.m. at John H. W. Center. For information call 201-624-8005.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**NEWARK**—1990 Grammy Award Winner, soprano Denyce Williams will join Hugh Wolf and the New Jersey Symphony for a concert featuring the music of Albert, Griffes, Dukas, and Debussy at 3 p.m. at Symphony Hall. For information call 201-624-8005.

**WAYNE**—Rufus Reid, the noted jazz bassist, teams up with contemporary guitarists Kevin Eubanks for an intimate performance at the William Paterson College Jazz Room Series at 4 p.m. in Shaw Center. For information call 201-585-2371.

**WAYNE**—A special celebration will be held for the opening of an exhibit of William Paterson College alumni artists at the Ben Shahn Gallery from 2 to 5 p.m. the exhibit runs through March 8. For information call 201-585-2371.

**PLAINFIELD**—Fred Fischer and Friends will present piano entertainment at the Plainfield Public Library at 3 p.m. the exhibit runs through March 8. The program is free of charge.

**NORTH BRANCH**—Folk singers Cate Fink and Mary Minor, combine folk talents with storyteller, Jon Spelman, in a harmony of singing and thought provoking tales when the Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College presents "Storytelling" at 4:30 p.m. For information about this folk concert call 201-725-9420.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**NEW YORK**—1990 Grammy Award Winner, soprano Denyce Williams will join Hugh Wolf and the New Jersey Symphony for a concert featuring the music of Albert, Griffes, Dukas, and Debussy at 8 p.m. at Carnegie Hall. For information call 201-624-8005.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**UNION**—Sister, a comedy/drama concerning two African-American women in the corporate workplace, will be presented by a professional company at 8 p.m. at the Union Theatre at Keen College. Admission is \$10. For information call 201-585-2371.

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Paul Robeson, Philip Heyes, and other great African American actors in the extraordinary story and actor, returns for a live-performance engagement at the State Theatre to March 23. Presented by Consciousness Theatre Company. For reservations, call Ticket Center, 201-246-7469.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**MOUNTAIN LAKES**—Ben E. King, and other special guests will be featured at the Negro League for a benefit at the Union Negro College fund. For ticket information call 201-394-0056.

### Art Exhibits

#### Jan 21-Mar 15

**"The Power Within"** by James Andrew Brown, Rutgers University, Robeson Campus, 350 Martin Luther King Blvd., Newark.

#### Feb 1-15

**Photo Documentary of Street People**, Bergen Community College Library, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ.

**The African Legacy Exhibit** Bergen Community College Megatrust, 1st Floor Exhibit area, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ.

#### Feb 1-28

**Works of Roy E. La Grone**, in the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, 100 Rutgers, 185 So. Orange Avenue, Newark.

**10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Exhibit of works of Emma Amos, Marge Humphrey, Howardena Pindell, D.A.Z.E., Oliver Jackson, James A. Brown and Janet Taylor Pickett, Rutgers, James Voorhees Zimmert Art Museum, George and Hamilton streets, College Avenue Campus, New Brunswick.

**The Portraits of Al Henderson**, Newark Public Library, 2nd Floor 5 Washington Street, Newark.

#### Feb 1-Mar 15

**"African Legacy: Cultural Heritage Through Art"** exhibition of traditional African art at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus.

#### Feb 1-March 31

**Black History: Exploring Your African-American Roots**, City Hall, Rutgers University, 220 Broad Street, Newark.

#### Feb 1-April 17

**"Exploring Your African-American Roots"**, A photo-documentary on Black genealogy, will be on display in the Newark City Hall Rotunda Gallery.

#### Feb 16

**UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Exhibit of African-American art**, Atrium, Education and Research Building, 401 Haddon Ave., Camden.

#### Feb 16

**2-7 p.m.** Black History Month reception/celebration at The Richardson Gallery, 41 Halsey Street, Newark.

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#### Feb 17

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**1-5 p.m.** Public reception for "Spirit in Black" featuring Patricius Fink, Dover, Jon Hunt, Montclair, Patrick Hugh, raised in Jamaica; Gene Reynolds; Luther Vann, Newark, at the Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road, Watchung.

#### Feb 23

**14 p.m.** "Rhythms and Patterns in African Art," a celebration, Bill Johnson Auditorium of Newark Museum, 53 Washington Street, Newark.

**Films/Theatre Videos**

#### Feb 13

**11:30 - 5:30 p.m.** Film: "Black Shadow on a Silver Screen," Rutgers, Newark, Robeson Campus, 350 Martin Luther King Blvd., Newark.

**12 noon 8 p.m.** "Black Women Don't Have the Blues" at Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28 & Lammington Road, North Branch.

#### Feb 15

**12 noon Film:** "The Biography of Malcolm X," Part I. UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, East Lecture Hall, Piscataway.

#### Feb 16

**11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.** Film: "Native Son" at the Robeson Campus Center of Rutgers University, 350 Martin Luther King Blvd., Newark.

#### Feb 17

**2 p.m.** African Storytelling by Jaleetha Kariem at the East Orange Public Library.

#### Feb 18

**11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.** Film: "Native Son" at the Robeson Campus Center of Rutgers University, 350 Martin Luther King Blvd., Newark.

#### Feb 19

**4 p.m.** "Song's Journey" College Hall at Livingston State University, Rutgers, Kila Campus.

**8 p.m.** Four experimental films by black women filmmakers: "Happiness," by Ayoka Chozima, "Happiness," by Laila Dadi, "African Colored girls," by Tracy Moffat, and "Black women of Brazil," by Sylvia Ann, McCormick, and Linda Loughe, Rutgers, Davidson road Busch Campus, New Brunswick.

#### Feb 20

**11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Film: "The Brother From Another Planet" Rutgers University, Robeson Campus Center, 350 Martin Luther King Blvd., Newark.

**12 noon & 6 p.m.** "The Road To Brown" at Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28 & Lammington Road, North Branch.

#### Feb 21

**9:15 a.m.** School-Day Matinee "Gods Trombones" gospel musical dramatizing sermons by James Weldon Johnson at the Great Avenue Community Center, 601-9123 for ticket prices.

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#### Feb 25

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**8 p.m.** "Slave Bible is Dead" and "The Island" at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, Newark. Admission \$7-10.

#### Feb 26

**3 p.m.** "Gods Trombones" gospel musical dramatizing sermons by James Weldon Johnson at the Great Avenue Community Center, 601-9123 for ticket prices.

**8 p.m.** "Slave Bible is Dead" and "The Island" at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, Newark. Admission \$7-10.

#### Feb 27

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**8 p.m.** "Slave Bible is Dead" and "The Island" at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, Newark. Admission \$7-10.

#### Feb 28

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**8 p.m.** "Slave Bible is Dead" and "The Island" at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, Newark. Admission \$7-10.

**11:30 a.m.** "Ethnic Nations" at Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28 & Lammington Road, North Branch.

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the topic "Blacks and Mental Health" at William Paterson College in Wayne.

#### Feb 20

**12:30 p.m.** Lecture: "Art of Dance" with Gloria Gossard and Marea K. Muses at the Newark Museum, 49 Washington Street.

**7 p.m.** Dr. John Henrik Clark, professor emeritus at Hunter College, will speak on "African American and African American History" in Hopton Hall, room 202 at Jersey City State College.

#### Feb 21

**12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.** Lecture: "Masks, Hats & Headresses" at the Newark Museum, 49 Washington Street.

#### Feb 22

**10:30 a.m.** Lecture: Dr. Wendell Hobrock, chairman, Afro-American History, Rutgers University at the UMDNJ-Community Mental Health Center, multipurpose room, Newark.

**2 p.m.** Lecture: "Harriet Tubman: Follow the Freedom Star" at the Newark Public Library, Centennial Hall, 5 Washington Street.

**5:30 p.m.** African-American Fashion Show and rehearsal. UMDNJ-Community Mental Health Center, multipurpose room, Adm. \$7.

#### Feb 23

**9 a.m.** "The Cultural Significance of the wizard of Oz and Ancient Egypt" Rev. Charles McComb, speaker, musical entertainment, art exhibit, UMDNJ, Room 254, Newark Building, 65 Bergen St., Newark.

#### Feb 25

**12 noon** African American Achievement Ceremony, UMDNJ, Room 254, Marlband Building, 65 Bergen St., Newark.

#### Feb 26

**12 noon** Panel Debate: "Is Education the Key to Racial Equality?" in the College Center at Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28 and Lammington Road, North Branch.

**1:30 - 8:30 p.m.** "An African American Story" at Newark Middle School, 920 East 7th St., Plainfield.

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# CITY BUSINESS

## HUD/NJ NAHRO announce assistance program for PHAs

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) New York Regional Office and the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NJ NAHRO) announced the start of a new initiative dubbed the "Technical Assistance Program" (TAP), designed to stimulate the exchange of technical assistance among public housing authorities (PHAs) in New Jersey.

"Many PHAs suffer from a lack of appropriate resources to deal with the problems they confront in the management of public housing. Other PHAs have developed the expertise to deal with those same problems. This program will put the PHAs directly in contact with each other for help in any area that is needed," said Dr. Anthony M. Villane, Jr., regional administrator for HUD's New York Office.

TAP is designed to be a cost-effective method for PHAs to gain expertise through each other rather than outside consultants. Many smaller PHAs lack the financial resources and staff to adequately meet all of their needs. TAP marks the first time a formalized program for addressing technical assistance needs has been developed. Through the centralization of this service, PHAs will no longer have to spend time researching and making telephone calls to determine which other PHAs have knowledge or experience about a particular problem or issue.

Added Dr. Daniel W. Blue, Jr., president of NJ NAHRO and executive director of the Newark Housing Authority, "We are very excited about this new initiative. We want the program to be carried out as simply as possible. HUD will act as a clearinghouse to put an authority requesting assistance in touch with another

authority that is willing to provide that assistance."

"For example, a housing authority needing a system for completing a large number of apartment renovations might be connected with the staff of the Newark Housing Authority. The NHA recently completed over 1,600 apartment turnovers within a one-year period. Because of the efficiency of this operation, the NHA's expertise in this area

would be beneficial to another PHA," Dr. Villane said.

PHAs can utilize the TAP system of sharing technical assistance in administrative, financial and maintenance areas. HUD reports that all responses from NJ housing authorities have been favorable so far regarding the new program. Housing authorities needing more information about TAP can contact Bill Elias at (212) 264-8936.

## Empowerment of Black Press

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state of black health was the topic of a panel discussion presented by the Scientists' Institute for Public Information (SIPI).

Dr. Herbert Nickens, vice president of the Association of American Medical Colleges, outlined health and socioeconomic conditions that impact the quality of black life.

He gave facts and figures on infant mortality, AIDS, cancer, heart disease, and homicide. He also talked about the effects of poverty, unemployment, alcohol abuse, and smoking.

Marjorie Moore, program director of the Hunter College Environmental Health Center, discussed environmental racism and the health threats hazardous environments pose to blacks.

Moore said that lead poisoning was one of the main environmental problems affecting black children, and talked about screening, treatment and prevention.

Another topic of discussion at the NNPA conference was business and economics.

Though prominent entrepreneur Bertram M. Lee was unable to deliver his message in person, it was read to those attending the NNPA conference.

Lee, whose topic was "The

African American Entrepreneur," talked about the risks involved in achieving success, and how he personally learned more from his defeats than his victories.

"The challenges facing African American entrepreneurs," he said, "are great but not unique, difficult but not impossible, and risky but potentially rewarding."

Rev. Charles R. Williams, president of Indiana Black Expo, spoke on the subject "The Economics of Unity."

He said: "The time has come and the time is now to be tired of the economic system which has divided us, pays us nothing, and charges us everything while we do business."

On the subject of unity, Rev. Williams said: "As long as we pursue social justice without economic unity, we must rely on White America to solve our problems, and that will never happen. As a matter of fact, it can't happen, for you see social justice is a product of racism and greed marketed in such a manner to make blacks dependent economically on their oppressor."

Blacks, said Rev. Williams, must awaken their power resource. "And that power resource," he said, "is our ability to be unified."

## Insuring the small business

How do you buy property & casualty insurance?

Risk management and commercial (business) insurance for the small business owner is frequently a subject of confusion. Questions typically asked include: Why do I need insurance how much and what type of insurance do I need? How much is my business really worth in case of a disaster? Where do I get proper counseling on the types of policies available, and how do I choose my insurance agent? The small business person should address these issues prior to committing resources to an insurance portfolio.

### Why do I need insurance?

In order to determine the need for commercial insurance (property & casualty), it is first necessary to understand what insurance is. Insurance is the transfer of risk (loss) from the business owner to a second party in the event that the business person is faced with the absolute possibility of loss due to: fire, windstorms, floods, death of a key person, sickness of an owner, liability judgments or other such perils. Property and casualty insurance (relative to policy limits) reduces the amount of risk and financial exposure the small business person faces in times of crises.

### What type of insurance do I need?

Regardless of the nature of your business, a commercial (business) insurance policy is composed of two parts: property insurance and casualty insurance.

Property insurance covers loss on inventory, plant and equipment, and includes loss of business or future business due to some catastrophic circumstance.

Casualty insurance is the section of the policy that protects the business person from liability in the event of bodily injury to employees, customers, key personnel, or others while on the premises.

player's premises. Casualty coverage in commercial insurance policies usually provides legal representation against lawsuits initiated by an injured party. Worker's compensation and fidelity bond policies fall under a casualty coverage.

Specialty policies cover a wide assortment of unique circumstances as they relate to the business and can be purchased by the business enterprise as needed. Insurance plans and policies can be obtained for the benefit of business owners, partners, stockholders, their families and heirs. Also, insurance policy proceeds can provide employees with the business with health and medical plans, retirement plans, and other benefit packages that can influence loyalty to the employer.

### How do I choose my insurance agency? My agent?

Insurance is sold by a number of different agencies, brokers, and independent agents. Independent agents who are licensed to sell insurance products in your particular geographic area. An independent agent has access to more insurance companies and can provide a diversity of property and casualty coverage. By dealing directly with a carrier (insuring company), the small business person can sometimes acquire a basic policy, but it is unlikely that this policy will provide adequate protection against all possible risks and/or losses.

In selecting between a carrier and an independent agent, choose an agency and an agent that knows and understands your business. This advice applies regardless of the nature of your business. An agent who understands your business is much more capable of writing insurance policies that will provide you with maximum coverage at the most reasonable premium cost. Most insurance policies have limitations on the type of property and casualty policy. Therefore, depending on the size, number of employees, and nature

of a business, it is often necessary to acquire "umbrella" policies for additional risk coverage.

An independent agent can discuss different products and services and recommend the right coverage to help the small business person avoid financial loss. A professional insurance broker will define the work and risk of doing business from the owner of the business to another party by providing expert knowledge, counseling, and understanding of business operations to the client. By obtaining sufficient insurance, in both quantity and quality, the small business person will receive peace of mind and maximum comfort in the operation of the business enterprise. In looking for commercial insurance for your business, also consult with your accountant, attorney, or other business people that you trust.

Sometimes it can be difficult for a new business to get insurance coverage because the owner has no record of performance in the business. The independent agent or broker can counsel and direct you toward the acquisition of adequate insurance coverage. For most business insurance, the carrier will conduct annual audits or require clients' businesses because premium costs are predicated on annual dollar volume of business, number of employees, workers' hours, and other criteria that will affect risk exposure to the insurance company.

Insurance should be treated as an ongoing business. When starting a new business, be sure that your policies protect you and your co-owners (if any), your heirs and your key personnel. Property and casualty insurance is designed to protect and defend the small business enterprise against unforeseen disasters and losses. In selecting an insurance carrier find a local agent who understands the nature of your business, can satisfy your insurance needs, and provide you with the protection you deserve.

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## Where is the money?

by William Reed

Every capitalist conversation in America is centered around the question of, "where is the money," but in Black America the theme still seems to be one of more flash than cash. Capital acquisition is a conversation topic and concept that African-Americans seem to be missing out on. As black Americans look for social and economic parity in America one wonders, "will capitalist conversations ever enter into the black lexicon?"

Blacks seem to be completely stuck on politics. Instead of centering on the leverage of money, and what it can do for them, in this capitalist society, blacks continue to focus on politics and politicians. The vital number of black elected officials is increasing each year, but at the same time in the area of economics, blacks are stuck right where we were in the early 60s. The economic gap between black and white families is significantly greater than it was in the late 1970s. While we have mayors in places like Washington, Newark, Los Angeles, and black congresspeople from urban areas, blacks are still dominated by blacks, somehow we still end up with only 60 cents for every dollar that Whites make. Is this due to racism from the rest of society, or is it because we've placed our internal priorities on something other than an arduous practice of capitalism?

If we continue to ignore the concept of capitalism in this the land of free enterprise, we will still be known for the practice of protest and "protesters" for external intervention. The people African-Americans have relied on to lead us to equality in this system continue to holler the "victim" rhetoric of racism, while the bulk of us, like Nero,iddle away our time and money. If we are to overcome our lowly status in the free market scheme of things shouldn't we stop looking for racism behind every bush and instead, at every opportunity, start

asking "where is the money in this deal for me?"

In making and getting our hands on the cash, we first should ask ourselves, "what is it that I can do to help the people?" Most of us live in urban societies and we therefore help each other in the fair exchange of goods and services. In our current urban consumer process, do we buy our clothes, cosmetics, cars, cassettes and cantaloupes from someone who looks like us? If your business, we understand that the circulation of cash, credit and coupons among our own clients contributes to our successful collaboration in capitalism.

If we understand the concept of "where is the money?" in the marketplace we will soon grasp the fact that we need actual and real accountability from our political officials. If we are no better off financially than we were before they were elected, then in the game of "where's the bucks," we should be wondering where the capital and concepts that traditionally come back to a community from the government and our elected officials?

In a land that has the most prolific economic system on the planet, black America keeps falling further and further behind. Because our past methods evidently are not working toward our collective financial interests, we may wish to investigate alternate methods of economic development. Each time we buy we must take responsibility for our own actions. Each time we deposit money we should take note of where our money goes and who does it help and who who live in black-run cities must make sure that city grants and contracts go back into our communities in proportion to our population.

"Where is the money?" It is up to you and me to find out. But if you often find yourself as "the only black" in your neighborhood, supermarket, dry cleaners, restaurant or cocktail lounge, you probably will never know.





# CITY SPORTS

## Don't feel bad for Sugar Ray

by Fern Taylor

Don't be mad at Sugar Ray Leonard. Or feel sorry for him. He did what he felt he had to do.

Now he knows. At least his admirers hope he does. However painful the experience, Sugar had to find out that he was, indeed, finished.

I repeat, don't feel sorry for Sugar Ray. Sugar Ray had his day. Sugar was sweet and Sugar was handsome. Sugar was cocky and Sugar was flashy. Sugar was iron-willed. Sugar had heart. Like Isaiah Thomas with gloves. Despite his battered face and worn body, he should still have his good health and a clear mind. And lots of \$\$\$.

Leonard knows of his immortal place in boxing and entertainment history. He knows that his record five titles in five different weight classes cannot be taken away.

So why did he do it? Why did he take this fight? Why didn't he fight Hagles again, or not fight at all? He had money, fame, fortune. Why, why, why?

No one can answer these questions but Leonard. My feeling is that Leonard is a man who thrives on challenges, on doing what the "experts" say can't be done. Thrived on challenging Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the most feared middleweight of his era, after 3 years of inactivity. And winning. Who could tell him he couldn't beat a 23-year-old who dropped his hands too much? Not the experts — they had Leonard as a 2-1 favorite to stop the youngster. Many of us thought he'd do it, too. Didn't he always find a way in the past?

I'm convinced Leonard could not have left boxing any other way than he did Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

Terry Norris, a 23-year-old, one of the new kids on the block, took a 34-year-old legend to school. The prized pupil beating the master professor at his own game.

"He was quick and too smart. He's a young Sugar Ray Leonard," offered Sugar Ray with both admiration and resignation in his voice. Admiration that Norris, who idolizes Leonard, showed so many of the moves he made famous. Resignation because Norris used Sugar's own lethal weapons — counterpunching,

dancing, stinging, pouncing, rapid combinations after combinations — to pound him into an unconscious exit from a sport he has all but ruled.

Sure, it's sad. A lot of people cried. Some wish he didn't get back up in the seventh round. Most of all, everyone wanted the vicious beating to stop. Including Terry Norris.

"It was a sad victory," Norris commented afterwards. "He's my idol and I beat him badly. I didn't want it to be that way. He's still my idol."

No one likes to see the great ones stay too long. I'll never forget Kareem Abdul Jabbar's comment about Willie Mays' last years with the Mets, when the greatest center-fielder ever was

just a shell of his former self.

"It really hurt me when I saw Willie Mays hit a soft grounder too short and had to slide in to first base," he said. In his heyday, Willie would have been on first taking a nap when the throw finally arrived. "Willie Mays should not be sliding into first base."

Sugar Ray Leonard got by sliding into first base against Hearn, Dunn, Hagler and other fighters of his era. Against Norris, he needed Ricky Henderson's speed and power to sprint past first and keep getting up towards second. At 34, just didn't have it.

But don't be mad or sad for Sugar Ray. He had his day. Now he knows it's finally over. Doesn't he?

## Children's rights—nothing less

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The flaws with the QE legislation should be addressed. The amendments suggested by Marilyn Morheser and the Education Law Center, who have done all of the exhaustive research, need to be implemented. These amendments are geared toward achieving parity and protecting the rights of children. Amendments being proposed and pushed by various unions, associations, politicians etc., are all self-serving, and guided by self-interest. Where discussion about who will pay the pension costs: local districts or shift back to the state, or tenure issues for administrators, all benefit someone other than the child sitting in a classroom in a poor school district expected to perform at the same level as a child sitting in a classroom in a wealthy district with all of the school's resources at his/her disposal.

Urban school administrators must take the lead in rallying parental and community support around the funding issue and the QE legislation. They cannot expect to sit back and take the process, waiting for community organizations or local politicians to take the lead. Many have told their Boards of Education that they are involving parents and community people in the schools — most are lying. Nevertheless, now is the time to reach out to parents, and keep them informed

about the fight that is now being waged in Trenton. Every parent and teacher association must be utilized to mobilize the school district into action. Community groups and leaders must be contacted and encouraged to participate in this struggle. Local politicians should be contacted to help lobby for the correct position. They must be made to understand that there will be a political price to pay if they fail to come down on the right side of this issue. Hard boiled politics are at play here, and we must be prepared to fight for our children's rights. Nothing less will do!

## Plainfield Night at the Nets

The New Jersey Nets would like to announce Plainfield Town Night on March 16, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. at the Meadowlands Arena.

The Nets will take on the Washington Bullets and local superstar Bernard King. For each \$18 ticket purchased, the Nets will donate \$4 to the Plainfield Anti-Drug Coalition for their fight against drug addiction.

**Free Burger King Whopper coupon** with each two (2) tickets purchased. Tickets can be ordered by calling the New Jersey Nets at (201) 325-6888. For further information call the Plainfield Division of Recreation at (908) 753-3096.

## SHABAZZ Girls reach semis with comeback victory

by Fern Taylor

LIVINGSTON — This game had it all. It was exciting. There was a thrill a minute. A vociferous crowd. The lead changing hands with each possession.

Fifth-seeded Malcolm X Shabazz and fourth-seeded Livingston went at it in a memorable girls' quarterfinal game of the Essex County basketball tournament with the Shabazz girls emerging with an impressive come-from-behind 47-42 victory.

"I knew Shabazz was very quick and very talented," said Livingston coach Al Maranz. "We wanted to get into a half court game with them. We did some things right, but in the end Shabazz hit some shots from the outside and we missed some. It was that kind of game."

Sparked by the play of freshman Pam Buschio (15 points), Livingston threatened to send the city girls home early, sprinting out to a 19-11 lead. Buschio would either penetrate and score, or penetrate and dish to senior center Hester Blum (14 points). For awhile, it looked to be a combination too devastating for Shabazz.

"I told the girls we had to stop that guard (Buschio). She was killing us!" said a relieved Shabazz coach Vanessa Watson afterwards. "Offensively we were really poor. I think we were a little nervous."

All nervousness was gone when the third period rolled around. Sophomore Aweleka Reddin ("the toughest competitor I have," Watson said) sparked a 12-6 run with a steal and some sweet baseline moves for buckets. Forward Hakim Melton (11 points) started finding the range outside, scoring eight points in the period. Kim Dickinson controlled the boards and contributed some buckets in the paint as Shabazz took a 35-34 lead entering the final period.

Once the offense kicked in, the defense became tenacious. Watson switched from a man to a 1-2-2 zone seemed to confuse the home team and allowed the Bulldogs to put additional pressure on Blum and Buschio, forcing several missed shots.

Shabazz (17-6) was able to keep the pressure on because of its bench, which goes 9-10 deep.

"We play a lot of different defenses and a lot of different people," Watson said. "They all did a good job today. A lot of times, it's about finding the five who are having a better day. If I

have two five's having a good day, I can just put everyone in and let them play."

## Forester Jones minds the trees

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Forestry program.

"You must be a great communicator when dealing with the general public. The forester position combines the technical with the community aspect. Michelle has the professional talent and brings an excellent personality to the forefront to perform her job," Zach added.

Jones earned a B.S. degree in Environmental Planning and Design from Rutgers University Cook College and lives in Newark.

Jones spends the majority of her work day in the field. "I leave the office at 9:30 a.m., come back around noon to pick up my morning messages and eat lunch. After that, I'm back in the field until the end of the day," she explained.

According to Jones, homeowners call on a daily basis to re-

Shabazz now advances to the semifinals, where top-seeded Montclair Immaculate awaits.

## Forester Jones minds the trees

port trees hanging over their houses and for other problems related to city trees. Any tree positioned between the curb and the sidewalk is considered to be a city tree.

Jones, describing the status of city trees, said that trees are cited for removal everyday. "Any tree marked with a red 'X' is to be removed, and those marked with a red dot need trimming."

Although some people are surprised when they first see her, Jones added, she has not had any unusual circumstances occur because she is a woman. "Citizens are amazed to see a woman when I go out in the field. Instead they expect a guy to come out in timberland boots. Even city and PSE&G workers are surprised."

As a pass time, Jones works out, swims and engages in photography and film developing.

## Orange honors O.J. Anderson



Orange Mayor Robert Brown with Super Bowl MVP O.J. Anderson.

ORANGE—Mayor Robert L. Brown announces the hosting of a Black Tie reception in honor of Orange Resident O.J. Anderson, the 1991 Super Bowl M.V.P. The reception is scheduled to take place February 20, 1991 at the Poppermint Entertainment Complex, 173 Central Ave. in Orange. Dignitaries and representatives from all facets of the political, civic, and sports communities have acknowledged their attendance.

"This eve it is but one small way of showing one of our own that we care and that we are proud of our accomplishments," commented Mayor Brown. The cocktail bar will be from 7 to 8

p.m. with awards presentations and dinner to follow. A sample of confirmed presenters includes U.S. Congressman Donald Payne, of Orange, New Jersey State Governor James Florio, State Sen. Willie Brown, Speaker Pro Tem, State Senator Richard Codey, Essex County Executive Thomas D'Alesio, Mayor Sharpe James of Newark, Mayor Cardell Cooper of East Orange, and Mayor Michael Steele of Irvington.

The event is sponsored in part by the Robert L. Brown Civic Association, Bruno Associates and other local corporations as well as individual supporters of sports. For information, call 266-4005.

## UCC closes for Presidents' holiday

CRANFORD — Union County College will close its doors on Monday, Feb. 18 in commemoration of the Presidents' Day holiday.

The College's four campuses in Cranford, Scotch Plains, Elizabeth, and Plainfield will cancel classes and close offices for that day. Activity will resume as usual on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The College's affiliated nursing and radiography schools at Elizabeth General and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Centers will maintain separate schedules for that day. Students and faculty will have the day off at the two nursing schools, while office workers will maintain operations; both radiography schools will continue their regular schedules that day for classes and offices.

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## Gateway City set to kick off 1991 Newark Distance Classic

NEWARK—The Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) today announced that the 17th Annual Newark Distance Classic road race will be held 10 a.m. Sunday, March 10, 1991, starting at the Rutgers-Newark University Gymnasium, 41 Warren Street.

The starting line for the race is on the side of the facility, near Raymond Boulevard and University Avenue.

The event features three races: a 2-Mile Fun Run (free for Newark residents only), 4-Mile Run and 20-Kilometer Run. The first-place male and female winners of the 20-K race will each receive \$1000 and the Borok Memorial Trophy. The second and third-place finishers, respectively, will be awarded \$300 and \$200.

Mayor Sharpe James urged both spectators and competitors to come out and enjoy the race. The prestigious race improves our image. For example, look at the way in which the Boston and New York City Marathons have bolstered those cities' self-pride and appeal.

Roslyn Lightfoot, DORCA manager, agreed: "Not only is the 'Distance Classic' a great image-builder, it is a nice way to enjoy a competitive atmosphere, meet

out-of-towners and fellow Newarkers, and watch a great road race."

In addition to DORCA, the event is being sponsored by Borok's Furnishings and Continental Mattress Company. The 20-K race of the Classic has again been designated by The Athletic Congress (TAC) as the New Jersey State Championship for men, women and teams.

In addition to team divisions, there are eight age categories for the 4-Mile and 20-K races. The groups are as follows: (a), 14 and under, (b), 15-19, (c), 20-29, (d), 30-39, (e), 40-49, (f), 50-59, (g), 60-69, (h), 70 and up.

Prizes will be awarded in all age categories and T-shirts will be given away while the supply lasts.

Entry forms may be obtained from the DORCA office, Newark City Hall, Room B-23, 920 Broad Street in Newark. The pre-registration fee is \$10, and the deadline is Friday, February 22. Post-registration is \$12 and closes at 9 a.m. on the day of the race. Race numbers and T-shirts will be distributed during pre-registration, and may be picked up before the start of the race.

For further information, please contact Harold Wright, DORCA special events coordinator (201-733-3749).